



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0459 - Equal Opportunity Internship Program

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT

Equal opportunity internship program

This bill requires the Division of Personnel Management in DOA to establish a program for the placement of up to 16 paid interns annually with state agencies and members of the legislature. Under the program, each intern must come from a household whose income does not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty line based on family size. Additionally, each intern must be paid a stipend of at least \$15 per hour, which may be paid for up to 20 hours of work per week. Under the bill, the stipend is required to be disregarded in establishing household income for purposes of obtaining public benefits under any state program.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 16.09 of the statutes is created to read:

16.09 Equal opportunity internship program. (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) “Division” means the division of personnel management.

(b) “Low-income household” means a household having an income that does not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty line based on family size.

(c) “State agency” means any office, department, or independent agency in the executive branch of state government.

(2) PROGRAM. The division shall establish a program under which it places up to 16 interns annually with state agencies and members of the legislature, upon written request of the agency or member and upon approval of the request by the division, subject to all of the following requirements:

(a) Each intern shall be paid a stipend of at least \$15 per hour for services provided to the state agency or member of the legislature. The stipend may be paid for up to 20 hours of work per week. The stipend shall be paid from the appropriation under s. 20.505 (1) (kz).

(b) The stipend an intern receives under par. (b) shall be disregarded in establishing household income for purposes of obtaining public benefits under any state program.

SECTION 2. 20.505 (1) (kz) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.505 (1) (kz) General program operations. The amounts in the schedule to administer state employment relations functions and the civil service system under subch. V of ch. 111 and ch. 230, to pay awards under s. 230.48, to pay the stipend under s. 16.09 (2) (b), and to defray the expenses of the state employees suggestion board. All moneys received from state agencies for materials and services provided

by the division of personnel management in the department of administration shall be credited to this appropriation.

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